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## VIA FACSIMILE (202-219-3923)& FIRST-CLASS MAIL

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MUR 5158: BRADY CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE,

RE: MUR 5158: BRADY CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE, BRADY CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE-VOTER EDUCATION FUND & MARK INGRAM, AS TREASURER

Dear Ms. Dutt:

Enclosed please find a signed Statement from Peter Fenn and Tom King, who were partners during 2000 in the media consulting firm of Fenn & King Communications, Inc. ("Fenn & King").

In this Statement, Fenn & King takes responsibility for its error in producing and placing independent expenditures advertisements for the Handgun Control Voter Education Fund which contained an incomplete disclaimer.

In the past, the Commission has declined to pursue matters against federal political committees where a required disclaimer was omitted due to the fault of a third party vendor who has acknowledged responsibility for the mistake. See MURS 4145. 3179.

Thus, my clients reiterate their request that the Commission take no further action in the connection with the incomplete disclaimer on the anti-Ashcroft independent expenditure commercials produced and placed in 2000 by Fenn & King for the Handgun Control Voter Education Fund.

As always, please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Leslie J. Kerman

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## STATEMENT OF PETER FENN AND YOM KING

- 1. Our names are Peter Fenn and Tom King, and in 2000 we were partners in the media consulting firm of Fenn & King Communications, Inc. ("Fenn & King"). The firm had many years of expurience producing and placing advertisements in connection with federal elections.
- 2. Fenn & King was retained by the Handgun Control Voter Education Fund ("the Fund") to produce and place "independent expenditure" advertisements in connection with the 2000 U.S. Senate election in the State of Missouri.
- 3. The anti-Ashcroft "independent expenditure" commercial produced and placed by Fonn & King for the Fund did not include the complete disclaimer required for independent expenditure communications. The disclaimer in the commercial read: "Paid for by the Handgun Control Voter Education bund." It did not include the language "and not authorized by any candidate or candidate's committee."
- 4. Fenn & King produced the ad with the incomplete disclaimer and regrets this inadvertent error.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Fenn and Toni k

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